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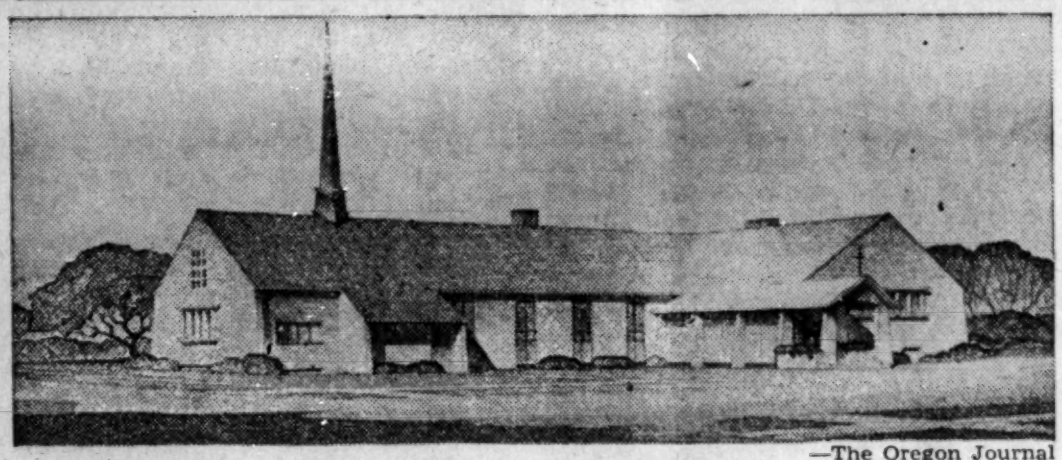

—The Oregon Journal

KERN PARK TURNS SOD

Kern Park Church broke ground on the site of the new building, S. E. 69th and Holgate Boulevard, at 3:00 P. M., Sunday, January 28th. The Scripture was read by George R. Whipple, Pastor. J. W. Mulkey, Trustee, offered prayer; Dr. C. R. Beatty, Building Committee Chairman; Arthur H. Holden, Construction Chairman; and Robert W. Elle, Finance Chairman, gave statements of purpose. A duet was sung by Gene and Verna Chamberlain, our state evangelists at the Southeast Church. The sermon was given by Dr. C. F. Swander. Ground breaking was done by Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Douglass, Pioneer Members of the Church. L. L. Arnett, Chairman of the elders, pronounced the benediction. A minute of silent prayer was observed in memory of the deceased members who have labored to make the building possible.

Contract has been let for the basement and rough framing. The Congregation is starting in faith that there will develop a way to finish the building. The increase in the Building Fund during 1950 was $15,504.32.

Total amount on hand at the end of January, 1951 was $63,500.00. The low bid for the whole building rejected by the committee was $140,000 including roof.

The sanctuary of the new building has a seating capacity of 330 and the Bible School has a capacity of 450 to 500. The building will be of arch frame construction with brick veneer.

The Bible School has been growing steadily. The average attendance for 1950 was 296 with the last quarter averaging 330. Additions during 1950 were 38 by baptism and 24 by transfer of membership.

James Pfouts was ordained to the ministry Sunday afternoon, February 4.

YEAR BOOKS AVAILABLE

Each year a small consignment of Year Books are sent to this office to supply the need of those who fail to send in their order. As long as they last you may get one through the State office for $2.00 per copy plus postage.

Myrtle Point Rally

The Ninety and Nine Men of the Myrtle District held their monthly business meeting following a pot-luck supper at the Myrtle Point church. Ladies were guests and total attendance for the program was 50. Coquille was scheduled to host church for the February 19th meeting. —Ed. Dewees.

Building Programs

The Dalles and Kern Park are both beginning their much needed new buildings. LaGrande has the first unit of their building inclosed and hope to use it by late spiring. Madras has built an addition to give them needed room for their growing Bible School. Other churches are looking forward to expansion, or new buildings.

Golden Rule of Sharing

Our income from the churches to State Missions in January was very good. We appreciate this fine response. I trust you will keep up this tempo of sharing in this missionary project. You would like to receive your salary at the end of each month wouldn't you? Just remember to practice the Golden Rule and make it possible for our mission pastors and evangelists to get theirs too. We are the Body of Christ and should not be neglectful of any part. These mission churches need your continued help each month. Remember to practice the Golden Rule of sharing regularly.

MEN AT McMINNVILLE

The regular district meeting for the Yamhill district was held at McMinnville on Jan. 15th with state president, E. W. Blehm the guest speaker. Attendance was 90 (where the 9?) and the program and fellowship up to the usual high standard. District president Arnold Ledbetter made good use of his new hobby (printing) by turning out one of the most attractive announcement post-cards we have seen in a long time.—Ed Dewees.

Missionary Speaker

Miss Margaret Lawrence who spent many years in China and one year in Japan as a missionary, is scheduled to be one of the guest speakers on the Turner convention program in June. She will appear several times on the main program as well as every day in the Mission class. She is a good speaker with a pleasing personality and a searching message. This is reason number one for coming to the Turner convention this year.

REX DALLAS

Rex Dallas, a former minister in Oregon and president of our State Board for years, died suddenly on January 26 in Spokane, Washington. Our sympathy is extended to his family.

State Convention June 25 - July 1

The program committee have been working dilligently for months on this program. The theme is:**"Not by Might or by Power . . ."** In searching for a guest speaker who might be able to interpret this theme in the light of present world conditions, **C. M. Yocum** was selected. Brother Yocum is first a great Christian and also one who has traveled over the world in interest of church work. He is a passionate speaker and knows both his Christ and the power of the gospel in all lands. Other speakers names will be released in later issues.

International Convention News

The Executive Committee of the International Convention voted to hold the 1953 convention in Portland.

Central Point: 20% of gross income last year went to work outside of local field. 5 baptisms in January. L. H. Camp.

James Earl Ladd Recovering

Earl Ladd was stricken with a heart attack recently but due to good care and the prayers of hundreds he is recovering nicely.

Easter Supplies

If you have not done so, it is time to order your Easter supplies. We have a few packets at the office. Let us plan to make Easter a great day for soul winning and sharing with others.

Fires of Evangelism

Medford Jones has just closed three good meetings in our state. One at Baker with 69 additions, one at Vale with 47 responses and one at Ontario with about 30 additions. Ed DeWees directed a Visitation Evangelism campaign at Hillsboro with 35 additions and he also directed a like campaign at Silverton with 4 responses.

LITERATURE SALES AT TURNER

Miss Edith Eberle, Director of Sales Literature for the United Christian Missionary Society will be at Turner with a book display again this year.

We always look forward to her part on the program because of her wealth of information, clear presentations and keen sense of humor.

BARBADOES TO HAVE MISSIONARY WORK

In THE MOUNTAIN CALL, published by Kentucky Christian College, Grayson, Kentucky, we note the following item in the Program of the Annual Mission Banquet, sponsored by the Mission Band of the college:

"Two mission recruits, graduates of Kentucky Christian College, will appear on the program:

"Wm. Scott, Wilmington, Ohio, will tell of his plans to minister on the island of Barbadoes, British West Indies.

"Dennis Pruett, Princeton, West Virginia, will tell of his plans to go as a medical missionary to South Africa."

Thus the gospel of Christ is being taken by direct support missionaries, in ever-increasing numbers, to ever-more-numerous fields.—J. F. C.

Harmony Lodge Retreat

On January 9-11 the State Board, their committees, a representation from the Women's Board, the Men's work, Northwest Christian College and the Student Houses met at Harmony Lodge for planning, business, inspiration and fellowship. It was an inspiring experience and did much to help all of us see the picture of our opportunities and responsibilities in Oregon. These plans and inspiration will be shared with the state in our series of Spring Conventions and at the State Convention. When our ministers and churches catch the vision expressed there the cause of Christ will be greatly strengthened.

Oregon Christian Changes

After months of study by special committees, the state board and the editors of contributing causes it was voted to move toward a paid subscription basis. It appears that many congregations do not take the time and effort to hand out the papers coming in bundles, so the board decided it would be better to mail directly into the homes the paper even though it might mean the publication of fewer papers. Bundles will be continued for a time at least while the change over is worked out. The State Board was made responsible for its publication, so a special committee has been appointed with Ed Eldridge serving as chairman.

Baker: Annual report shows 68 added by baptism and 25 otherwise. Bible School attendance well above previous years. Joe Jewett.

Heralds of Christ

Dallas and Leeanna Meserve concluded their evangelistic campaign with the Newport Christian Church, Wesley Goucher, minister, on January 28th with 8 responses to the invitation, three by primary obedience. The attendance average was good despite blustry weather and on Thursday night, Jan. 25th, a joint dinner and fellowship meeting for the men of the Newport and Toledo churches was held.

As previously announced, this meeting concluded the evangelistic schedule of the Meserves under Ninety and Nine sponsorship. The men bid them God-speed in whatever field of service they now choose.—Ed Dewees.

"Some To Be Pastors"

An Audio-visual educational film, "Some to be Pastors", is available through the State office. It is a fine film to use with youth who may be considering the ministry and will be good for the entire church to give it a better understanding and appreciation of the ministry. The film is free except for postage charges.

Mortgage Burning at Nyssa

The church at Nyssa burned the mortgage on their basement on January 28. Plans are underway to continue the next unit of the building.

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Notice: Items for the Oregon Christian should reach the editor's desk not later than the 1st day of the month to insure publication.

State Secretary - Director's Diary

A few clippings from the diary reveal the following facts: 2 sermons were preached at Hermiston and conferences were held with the elders and board, 2 sermons at Yamhill, 1 at Kern Park and award pins to 47 with perfect Bible School attendance, 1 at Mid-Columbia rally at Hood River, 1 at Nyssa and attended the five church fellowship sing at Ontario. Spent 3 days in Madras directing an Audio-Visual Workshop and 1 night at Yamhill in a like meeting. Was in the planning retreat and board meeting for 2 days at Harmony Lodge, attended a Conference Party at Corvallis, East Oregon set-up meeting for convention and summer camps, the set-up meeting in Eugene for the Turner and Southern Oregon summer camps, and the Christian ministers breakfast fellowship in Portland. Spent 10 days in the office with 20 conferences and 4 committee meetings. Traveled 3,222 miles. There were 764 pieces of mail sent from the office excluding the Oregon Christian.

Giving to State Missions

January 1-31, 1951

Albany	$104.39
Bend	40.00
Burns	156.41
Carlton, Sunday School	14.59
Coquille	56.18
Eugene, First	150.00
Gladstone	29.00
Franklin	19.75
Hermiston	104.90
Hood River, First	34.00
Hood River, Valley	100.00
Klamath Falls, Women	62.30
Medford, First	250.00
Milton, Sunday School	52.27
Newberg	73.31
Portland, Kern Park	17.00
Portland, Southeast	10.00
Salem, Court Street	73.39
Salem, First	120.00
Silverton	50.00
Springfield	50.00
The Dalles	10.25
Tillamook	24.15
Vernonia	35.00
Wallowa	69.00
Yamhill	30.00
Individual Gifts	11.00
TOTAL, January 31, 1951	**$1,746.89**

Excerpts From Recent Missionary Letters

D.C.C.M. Mondombe, Africa

"It has been more than a year since I returned to Mondombe. The schools and other station tasks have more than kept me busy. We wish for more help to take care of the work. Mr. and Mrs. Heimer, our new missionaries, Ntange Timothy our pastor and I have been visiting the teachers and other Christians in our 15 outlying districts. There are about 100 teachers in all. We did not have time to give them the necessary help. There were 868 baptisms on these trips and our responsibilities increase as the people become Christians.

"Our Missionary Advisory Committee met at Monieke this year, a distance of 360 miles. That is a long distance out here; it took two days to go because of the condition of the roads. It rained so hard at times that we had to stop and wait for it to slacken so we could see the road. Elephants had dragged logs into the road and we had to stop and chop them out before proceeding but did not see any elephants. Had to cross 209 bridges. Some of the hills were very steep and our footbrake did not work well so there was plenty of excitement."—Hattie Mitchell.

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D.C.C.M. Coquillhatville, Belgian Congo

"This is the beginning of our summer and we've had some very hot days since Christmas. By 6 o'clock on Christmas morning our little church had been crowded for half an hour, and people were sitting on the ground outside. The church is open at the sides so it is possible for folk to sit on the ground outside and hear what is going on inside. By actual count we had 2,175 present for the service. How we need an adequate staff and a budget to maintain it! With the devaluation of the franc, comes higher prices. To counteract rising prices, the government ordered two salary raises for native help in 1950 and another effective January 15, 1951.

"We've been trying to figure out what part of our work we can eliminate with the least damage to the total program. Instead of expanding, we are having to curtail the work in the face of tremendous opportunities. You'll never know how this hurts unless you are a missionary and have to do it. We simply cannot do the same amount of work on the same budget of two years ago when prices and native salaries have raised from 75 to 100 per cent. I'm sure we can depend upon the church at home to go far beyond its present financial goals that the church around the world may continue to grow." —Eva Marie Johnson.

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Jablapur, M.P. India

"I am still struggling with Hindu. How verbs bother me! They are so different. It is hard to get used to the various tenses. Guess I will learn some day. Took a trip to Bombay the first week in January. Went to see the Towers of Silence where the Parsees dispose of their dead. They do not believe in burial or cremation; the bodies are left to the mercy of the vultures. Within 30 minutes the bones are cleaned of every bit of flesh.

"There is plenty to do here Remember us in your prayers." —Ruth Kinney

These missionaries are known personally by many people in Oregon. Two of them are graduates of Northwest Christian College, one of Eugene Bible University. Let us not forget them. They are our ambassadors out there trying to carry on the work for the Master. —E.L.B.

Northwestern Christian Home

RAY C. SMITH, Area Rep. MARY E. PHILLIPS, Supt.

The family at the Home recently enjoyed a "White Elephant Party" which has come to be an annual affair after Christmas in which there is always the pleasure of anticipation. Everyone receives gifts that for some reason are not useable by the recipient, so such "White Elephants" are brought to the parlor and placed on display. Following some singing and perhaps other entertainment, each one present is permitted to choose a more suitable gift in exchange for one that is brought. All have a good time and every item finds its way to some one who needs and appreciates it.

Plays, movies, and other entertainment features have been supplied by groups from Oregon City, St. Johns, Multnomah, Hillsboro, and Longview, Washington. Monday, February 5th, was "Permanent Wave Day" at the Home when 7 women from the Beaverton Church spent the day giving eleven "tonies" to our guests. Of course only the ladies were so honored. Our men guests did not seem to be concerned.

Some winter work has been done on the landscaping in preparation for early spring growing. Bulbs have been planted, and pruning has been done and the lawn kept in shape.

Money from the Christmas offerings has been coming in quite well. While many churches have not given as much as last year, some 50 or more have already exceeded their total of last year. This is very much appreciated in view of the anticipated increase of 8 more guests when the addition is completed. The building committee is going ahead with negotiations to get the work started as soon as possible, subject to wartime restrictions.

Miss Mary Phillips, Superintendent, and Field Representative, Ray Smith will be attending the annual NBA staff conference in St. Louis in February.

Attention Ministers

Myron C. Cole, Oregon reporter for the Christian Evangelist requests all pastors and church leaders to put him on their mailing list. He feels that it is important that the Brotherhood know about the happenings of our churches in the Northwest country. Send special items to him and they will be included in the next news letter to St. Louis.

Pastoral Changes

Howard C. Cole has resigned at St. Johns and has accepted a call to the First Christian Church in Vancouver, Washington. Vernon F. Kullowatz has been called back into the chaplaincy, so will have to close his ministry at Parkrose.

Recruits for Okinawa

Members of the Okinawa Christian Mission Council met in Portland, Tuesday, January 23rd. Business of the day had to do in part with matters pertaining to the incorporation of the mission. However, outstanding on the agenda was an interview with Raymond Carl Fish, from Minnesota, who with Mrs. Fish, the former Grace Arelina Herget, desire to go to Okinawa to work with Harlan and Emeline Woodruff and Mel and Margaret Huckins.

Members of the mission council were very favorably impressed with the fine appearance, the strength of conviction and the depth of devotion of Mr. Fish; and were unanimous in their approval of Carl and Grace Fish as members of the mission.

Carl served in the Army during World War II, serving in the European theatre of operations for three years, attaining a corporal's rating. He served under General Patton. The Fishes received their training for the Lord's work at Atlanta Christian College and Minneapolis Bible University. Grace specializes in children's work. Carl is taking Post Graduate work at M. B. C.; and both are studying Linguistics at the University of Minnesota.

They hope to sail by December, at the latest; but the date of sailing is dependent on the raising of Living Link support, and funds for travel, housing and equipment.

Persons interested in helping them with their finances, or making more definite contact with them, should write to Mrs. Wilma Fendell, Willamina, Oregon. Mrs. Fendell is Secretary-Treasurer of the Okinawa Christian Mission. —J. F. C.

Women's Program

So many favorable comments were made about the Women's program in the Turner church on Thursday morning last year, that plans are in the making for a similar program this year. A loud speaker system will be provided so that all may hear better. The afternoon service will be in the tabernacle; the Vesper service in the Turner church. More details will come out in this paper later.—E. L. B.

Word From Jane Kinnett

Jane Kinnett, well-known to many Oregonians, arrived back in the States from Burma, a few weeks ago. She left the little Chinese girl, Molly (Hsioa Hua), in an orphanage in Hong Kong; but hopes "one day to be reunited with her."

In her News Letter, she says: In the last News Letter I told of the difficulty of securing a permanent Stay Permit. Through the efforts of Robert Morse and Isabel Dittemore I was able to obtain permission to stay in Burma for one year. At the close of that period I went to Rangoon but found it impossible to have my permit extended for more than a 'one month period'. The Morse family and Dorothy Sterling have Permanent Stay Permits so they may work in Burma for many, many years. With others of us this does not hold true, and so we covet your prayers as the Lord leads us into other vineyards."

(She mentions that David Howell Rees family and Mel Byers, as well as the Morse family, are still on the field, and that Dorothy Sterling will soon be returning.)—J. F. C.

Women's Work

An outstanding honor has come to our Brotherhood and to the women in particular, in that Mrs. James Wyker, prominent in Christian church work in the state of Ohio for many years, has been chosen to lead the Protestant women of America as head of the Department of Women's work in the newly organized National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States. Last fall at the Oklahoma City International convention, Mrs. Wyker was elected to be the first vice-president of our 1952 International convention. This is the first time a woman has been chosen to fill this important position.

Mrs. Wyker was sent to the Amsterdam conference as the official representative of the women of our churches in America. Out of her rich background of experience, training and consecrated service, she will bring to the Christian women of America, the type of leadership necessary for our day. —E.L.B.

Combined Rally

With 232 men answering the roll call at the Northwest district combined rally at the Mallory Ave. Christian Church on Jan. 22, it is a good guess that interest will be keen in March to see whether the north or south section of the district gets the majority of the 34 extra men (each section had 99 present in the November meetings).

The Mallory ladies provided their usual fine dinner to get the meeting off to a good start and Gene Chamberlain kept up the tempo in the song service. Webb Foss of the host church sang a vocal solo with his wife accompanying. In the business meeting E. W. Blehm gave a report on state work. A majority of those present voted in favor of retaining Ninety and Nine Men's Brotherhood as the name of the state organization. Myron Cole, minister of Portland First Christian, spoke on "Men of Conviction" following a period of silent prayer on behalf of Earl Ladd who was reported ill. —Ed Dewees.

MISS BERTHA DOUGLAS

Miss Bertha Douglas, former missionary to Japan, died on November 23rd, in Santa Cruz, California where she made her home. Miss Douglas, serving in Japan from 1920 to 1925, made a contribution to Christian work. Because of ill health, she found it necessary to resign after her first furlough. In the City of Osaka, she had charge of kindergarten in connection with two of our churches, one filled with children from the homes of industrial workers, the other with children from more prosperous middle-class homes. She was busy constantly in schools, working with the mothers, calling in the homes and teaching English.

After her return from Japan, Miss Douglas helped with the work among the Japanese at San Bernadino, California, until they were able to take over the financial responsibility of a Japanese pastor to succeed her. Later she taught in California schools, but her health forced her to give up this work also. While preparing herself for the mission field Miss Douglas did some teaching in Northwest Christian College, then known as Eugene Bible University. —E.L.B.

Recruits to Brazil

The January issue of the BRAZIL CHRISTIAN MISSSION bulletin carries the following brief item:

"Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Sanders will return from Brazil to the United States on a short furlough in February. Reason: They expect an addition to the family. He will remain in the United States until August, during which time he will visit churches. Passage costs $850.00. Would you like to assume part of this expense? If so, send it to Rev. W. A. Cook, Goodland, Kansas." Other members of the Brazil Christian Mission are: On the field—J. Richard and Carolee Ewing and Ruth M. Spurgeon; Recruits:—Kempton A. Oakes, Belleville Church of Christ, Bellevile, Ohio; H. Preston Barrett, University Station, Enid, Oklahoma; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Fox, Box 173, Hot Springs, South Dakota; and Mary Ellen Case, University Station, Enid, Oklahoma. —J. F. C.

Bend

There have been 33 additions to membership from July 1, 1950 to January 1, 1951. The "All Boy" classes of Bend and Baker presented a Kelvinator refrigerator to Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell at the Bay Ocean Hotel at Christmas time.

China Missions

According to late reports, all Protestant Mission property in China has been confiscated by the Communist government. Fortunately for our people, our Mission board realized some time ago that this might happen, so steps were taken to turn over our Mission property to the Chinese Christians. They are now preparing to take complete charge of the work saying "Good-bye" for the time being to their missionary friends and trying to adjust to a life in a "new" kind of state.

Exit permits have been requested for all our missionaries in China at the present time. They feel, in the light of conditions as they now are, that it is best for missionaries to leave so that Chinese Christians may not be embarrassed before the authorities. Remembrance in prayer is our best aid to them.—E. L. B.

Crater Lake Officers

Ninety and Nine Men of the Crater Lake District met at the Medford First Christian Church on Jan. 29 for their quarterly rally. Following an excellent meal provided by the Medford ladies, Vice-president Ralph Cook called the meeting to order. A hearty song service proceeded the showing of a church film, "The Good Ground" and in a brief intermission before the showing of the 1950 boys' and girls' camp films, Mr. Yoder of Harrisburg spoke of his trips to Europe with the "Heifers for Relief".

E. W. Blehm, state president, presented facts, figures, and 1951 state projects in the men's work and closed his remarks with a real challenge to service. A nominating committee appointed earlier in the evening brought in its report and the following district officers were unanimously elected: president, C. N. (Bud) Steiger of Grants Pass and vice-pres., Jack Jones of the same city; sec'y., Lloyd D. Wells of Ashland; and treasurer George Swinney of Medford. Ashland will entertain the April rally of the district. —Ed Dewees.

Ninety and Nine Plans Outlined

There are three things which the Ninety and Nine Men are giving special emphasis this year: Balancing the Budget, Teaching Personal Evangelism, and Increasing the Attendance in the Christian Boys' and Christian Girls' Camps. These plans can be easily carried to fruition if every men's group selects a capable chairman for each of these projects.

To balance the budget the men at the Roseburg convention last October decided the goal could be reached if all the members of the Ninety and Nine Men's Brotherhood throughout the state would each pledge and pay $1.00 per month or $12.00 per year for the state work. This plan has been started in a number of the groups and is meeting with success. Blank pledge cards may be obtained by writing to Elmer M. Patterson, 594 14th Avenue. E., Eugene.

THRILLING WORK IN EAST AFRICA

Every so often we are thrilled with a sense of amazement, as we read of the marvelous work being done for the Lord in some remote outpost of the world. One such work is that of the African Christian Mission, East Central Africa, on the upper reaches of the Belgian Congo.

Several years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Guy E. Humphreys were laying their plans to go to this field, untouched by New Testament Christianity. Then the war came along, and all chance of going at that time was destroyed. But the dream did not die. So, after years of waiting, working and praying for the opportunity, they at last arrived on the field and set about to establish the cause of Christ among the primitive people of that area.

Now, after perhaps three years on the field (We don't have the exact time in our mind), we note the following figures reported in the latest issue of THE AFRICAN, published in the interest of the mission (report as of Nov. 1, 1950):

New churches during the year, 2; additions during the year, 309; deaths during the year, 20; losses by return to sin during the year, 10; Total number of churches, 9; total number of members, 913.

One item in THE AFRICAN reads as follows: "The church building at Bomili, erected about the middle of 1949, and built to house 200 worshippers, has had to be enlarged. The church itself numbers more than 200, and there are 80 pupils from our schools who are expected to attend services, so the building was enlarged when it was just one year old."

This work has been accomplished with only one missionary couple on the field. However, the Humphreys were joined in December by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Ransford. And Mr. and Mrs. Robert Williams hope to be ready to leave for the field by July of this year. They plan to go to Belgium, where Mr. Williams will take a year's course in Tropical Education; and then go direct to the field. In addition to their Living Link support, they will need to raise about $5,000.00. They can be addressed in care of: African Christian Mission, P. O. Box 6, Station C, Cincinnati 26, Ohio. —J. F. C.

Coast Men Meet

Astoria was the host church for the Coast district Ninety and Nine meeting on Jan. 12. A chili supper was served by the ladies preceding chorus singing led by Ivan Jensen accompanied by Edward Opdyke. Special music was provided by the Astoria male quartet: Leland Cole, Charles Lemmex, Jack Grocott, and Edward Opdyke. In a brief business session Lester Herman of Seaside was elected to succeed Jack Grocott of Astoria as secretary and the invitation of Seaside to entertain the March 9 rally was accepted. Brother Lemmex, host pastor, brought the message of the evening.—Ed Dewees.

—Ledbetter Studios

E. W. BLEHM

The personal evangelism campaigns are to be conducted under the leadership of our state field secretary, Ed Dewees. Any church desiring his assistance may contact him personally (his mail address is P. O. Box 231, Coburg). To date he has conducted campaigns at Hillsboro and Silverton and has scheduled Dallas for the second week in February. Since time for careful preparation on the field is essential for a successful visitation effort, requests should be made as early as possible so that he may give you a date which will permit adequate time to get ready.

It is not too early to be planning to send the boys and girls to summer camps. The training they receive is very valuable for their future Christian experience. These camps cannot be stressed too much. It is desireable to increase the total boys' camp attendance to 500 or slightly over an increase of 10 boys in each of the six camps to be held. New Girls' camps in the areas which do not yet have such a camp will be established as rapidly as the demand and preparations in the area justify them.

The executive board meetings have been well attended and a vital interest manifested. The outlook for the year ahead is inspiring. The district meetings which we have attended thus far have shown marked interest in cooperation in the upbuilding of the Kingdom of God. —E. W. Blehm, state president.

Spring Conventions

Mrs. Evylin Gribble, National World Call Secretary will be one of the guest speakers on the spring district conventions in which all phases of state work will be stressed. The dates are April 15-May 2. Mrs. Gribble came to her present work from the state of Tennesse, having been Executive Secretary of the Women's work for a number of years. She will be helping with the Women's work especially in the field of World Call.—E. L. B.

Bayocean Property Deeded

The week after Christmas was outstanding for Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Mitchell, of Bayocean. First, Len Fishback, minister of the Bend Christian Church and some 22 members of his Allboy Class from the church arrived early in the week to spend a part of the school vacation at the beach. In token of appreciation for happy days spent with the Mitchells at Bayside Inn each summer they presented their hosts with a new Kelvinator refrigerator and an inscribed myrtlewood plaque bearing their own names and the names of other donors from earlier Allboy classes taught by Mr. Fishback at Baker and Bend.

Because of the annual visit of these boys under Christian leadership, the Mitchells had for some time considered deeding their hotel property (and its accompanying acreage to the low water line on Tillamook Bay) to some Christian Church group. Tentative arrangements to that end were made with the Ninety and Nine Men's Brotherhood in the summer of 1950 and in the October convention action was taken to accept this gracious offer of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell.

On Dec. 29, 1950, their 52nd wedding anniversary, they signed the papers deeding the property to the Ninety and Nine Men. E. W. Blehm, president and Ed Dewees, secretary, were present for the ceremony and participated with the Allboy Class in eating the anniversary cake at the close of the dinner at the Inn that evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell are longtime members of the First Christian Church of Portland and are both very active "octogenerians". As long as they are able they will continue to live in the hotel and serve as superintendents of the property. Requests for dates should be addressed to them at Bayocean, Oregon. A special committee is to be appointed by the Ninety and Nine to plan for the maintenance and future use of the property, but in the meantime if particular information along this line is desired, write to Ed Dewees, P. O. Box 231, Coburg, Oregon. —Ed Dewees.

OREGON CALENDAR

March 4 — Foreign Missions Day
March 21 — Winter Term Ends at N.C.C.
March 18-25 — Week of Evangelism and Worship — Easter Season.
March 25 — Easter
March 26 — Spring Term begins at N.C.C.
April 3-5 — Oregon Preachers Parliament, Eugene
April 8-15 — Lane County and N.C.C. visitation Evangelism
Spring Conventions:
April 15, Mid-Columbia, Dufur
April 23, Lane County
April 24, Douglas-Coos Counties
April 25, Northwest, Astoria
April 26, Willamette
April 27, Central Oregon
April 29, Central Oregon, Madras
May 1 and 2, Eastern Oregon, Milton
April 29 — Rural Life Sunday
May 5 — Fellowship Day for Women (Intercommunion)
May 13 — Pentecost
June 3 — Children's Day; N.C.C. Baccalaureate
June 4 — N.C.C. Sacred Music Concert, Eugene
June 5 — N.C.C. Commencement
June 17 — Avhievement Day - Oregon Christian Missionary Convention (Local Church Emphasis)
June 25-July 1 — Oregon Christian Missionary Convention, Turner
July 1-7 — West Oregon Youth Conference, Turner
July 8-14 — West Oregon Intermediate, Turner
July 16-21 — Eastern Oregon Adult Conference, Cove
July 22-29 — Eastern Oregon Intermediate Camp, Cove
July 29 - August 4 — Eastern Oregon Youth Conference, Cove
August 5-11 — Southern Oregon Combined Intermediate and Youth Conference

CHURCH NEWS

Hillsboro: Since June 1, 34 have been added by baptism and 34 otherwise. On January 21 all previous Bible School records were broken with 376 present. Newell Morgan.

Toledo: Annual report shows 23 added by baptism and 12 otherwise. Bible School average for year was 108. First three Sundays of January average attendance in Bible School has been 131. Milton W. Faxon.

Dallas: Baldwin Electric Organ purchased. Conducting a Stewardship Institute for the membership with Dudley Strain, Harold Lyman and A. C. Bates as special speakers. A program of calling on every member will follow the institute. 1 added by baptism and 8 otherwise. Kenneth Johnston.

Ashland: Indebtedness on building reduced on January 1st to $3,000.00. 5 added by baptism and 6 otherwise.

Willamina: Annual report shows 18 added by baptism and 7 otherwise. Total offerings were $7,458.49 and $1,462.12 was given to missions. Average Bible School attendance, 154. Leo Woodruf.

Mill City: Bible School average for December was 70 as compared to 51 a year ago. Both the Bible School and C. E. won special honors in the county for attendance. Hugh Jull.

Pleasant Hill: 2 added by baptism. 3 C. E. Societies have been organized. Bible School average for 1950 was 91 which is an increase of 8 over the previous year. Clyde C. Blakley.

Tillamook: A member made the Church a present of a fine Bell-Howell Sound Moving Projector enabling us to develope and extensive program of visual education. 6 C. E. Societies help keep the Sunday evening attendance to a high level. 1 added by baptism. A. L. Webb.

Portland Sellwood: Entrance to building has been remodeled and basement redecorated. 17 added since October and all are adults. Young married people's class organized and the spirit and unity of the congregation is increasing. W. M. Pysher.

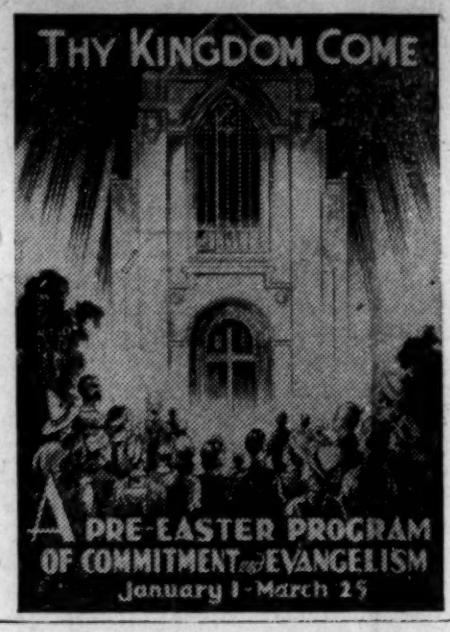
Portland St. Johns: A concert Hammond Organ has been purchased. Holding two morning worship services to handle attendance. 9 added by baptism and 18 otherwise during the last 4 months of 1950. H. C. Cole.

Newport: Church work is steadily growing. Improvements have been made in the church auditorium and basement. Youth groups are increasing and the Bible School attendance is over 100. Wesley Goucher.

Powell Butte: Five churches of Central Oregon met in watch night service December 31 in Bend church with Dr. C. C. Roberts as speaker. D. L. Penhollow.

Oakridge: The Bible School has made a consistent growth the last 9 years. The average for 1941 was 41 and for 1950 it was 101. 2 added by baptism. Church members are entering into the Visitation Evangelism project most encouragingly. Home force meeting planned at Easter time. H. E. Chapin.

Creswell: Teacher training program sponsored each Tuesday night during January. Upper classmen at N.C.C. were the teaching staff and guest speakers were Dorothy Keister, James Cornett and Mrs. Chas. Richard. 1 added to church by transfer. L. M. Bixler.



Hood River Valley Christian: 8 baptisms during December. At Annual meeting pastor's salary increased $300.00 per month. H. L. Porter.

Lebanon: 1 added by baptism and 3 otherwise. Church to be host to State C. E. Convention, April 19-22. Bible School in contest with Roseburg. L. Elwell.

Molalla: 3 added by baptism and 1 otherwise. Attendance is growing. Young adults sponsoring a contest whereby youth and juniors may earn their tuition to summer camps. Orris L. Doty.

Milwaukie: 17 have been added by baptism and 11 otherwise during the last three months. Attendance is growing, reaching 201 in morning worship and 104 in evening. Prayer meeting increasing. Alger Fitch.

Canby: Attendance running higher than for years. 4 added by baptism and 1 otherwise. John Stone.

Newberg: 3 added by baptism. Annual meeting showed Bible School average of 259. Total offerings for year $17,578.59, of which $9,166,79 was for missions, benevolence and education. There were 16 by baptism and 18 otherwise added during the year. J. F. Cunninghtm.

Corvallis Student House

On January 7, the Corvallis Christian House began its fifth year of activity. Over 409 young people heard Clifford E. Maser, Dean of the School of Business and Technology, speak on "Religion in a Technical School". After the Turner Conference mid-winter party for high school age young people in the Corvallis Christian Church on January 12, the students were host to this group as they toured Christian House and enjoyed its facilities.

The visit of Mr. E. K. Higdon to interview students for foreign missionary service was also much appreciated, and considerable enthusiasm resulted from his appearance. Looking to the future, we are anticipating the Campus Religious Council all campus party, under the leadership of our own Hazel Jones, of Hermiston. It will provide wholesome fun for all of the church groups on campus, and other students who are interested.

This is a word to the Churches. Our students are anxious to visit your church, to fellowship with your people, to tell you of our Christian student work, and to lead you in worship of God. Why don't you write to the director of the House, William Terbeek, and ask for a group to visit your church in the near future? Come to know your Christian students better.

Eugene Student House

Two special events occurred during January for students at University of Oregon and Northwest Christian College. Religious Evaluation Week on the Univtrsity Campus brought to Eugene Dr. Robert A Millikan, noted scientist, Dr. Harold Case, recently appointed president of Boston University and other outstanding religious leaders. At the opening dinner meeting, Christian House had almost one-third of the total crowd which was made up of students from all the religious groups on the campus. Dr. Millikan spoke on "The Two Supreme Elements in Human Progress".

The last three days of the month, a team of three consultees for students interested in missionary work, held conferences with thirty students inddividuallly, and presented missionary opportunities to many others at an afternoon. tea. The team members were Dr. E. K. Higdon, executive secretary missionary selection and training of the United Christian Missionary Society, Miss Mercedes Fairfax from Vancouver B. C. who is a second-year medical student at the University of Washington, and Mr. George Cherryhomes of Berkeley, California, recently returned from four years service as a missionary in China near Nanking. All the conferences were held at Christian House.

Christian House is proud to announce that our Luther Cheo, son of our Chinese pastor, Peter Cheo, has just received his Ph. D. degree in mathematics. Also, Bob Peterson and Dave Swanson are leads in current University plays, and Bob was the speaker for the opening of Youth Week in the inter-church service for Eugene. Our students have served as elders and deacons during Youth Week. We are proud, too, of Gene Johnson who is studying to be a medical missionary, and who made a four point grade at the University while carrying twenty hours work.

Burns

January Bible School average was 124 to last year's 85. Church attendance is running similar. The plastering in the Sanctuary and ceiling has been completed. Two were added by statement on the 21st of January. Earl Soward.

Turner

The Turner Christian Church, in a meeting with G. Fred Hoy of Los Angeles had 60 responses. Anxiliaries in the meeting were Guy L. Armstrong and wife, Vera; Robert Hendershot, song leader and soloist, and Angel choir, composed of children of the Bible School.

Corvallis Host

The Ninety and Nine Men of the South Willamette district met at Corvallis on January 22nd with 90 present. Three Oregon State College students gave an interesting skit on Christian House at the tables and an N.C.C. trio provided three groups of special numbers during the program. Martin Farlee, state vice-pesident, reported on the state work and Scio was scheduled to entertain the March 26th rally. Orville Mick, Albany minister, was guest speaker. A number of men visited the Corvallis Christian House after the meeting. —E.P.D.